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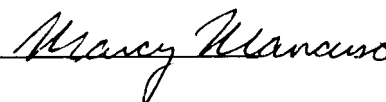
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

This submission is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 18, 2009, a reply to which is due on May 18, 2009. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this submission.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this submission.